

## EMPLOYMENT & HIGHER EDUCATION BILLS PASSED

HB 1807	Naishtat, Elliott(D) Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to maintain an inventory of postsecondary educational programs and services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Will require Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to keep, distribute, and update biennially an inventory of postsecondary educational programs and services provided by public colleges and universities to people with IDD. List will be shared on board's website and with TEA.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	06-17-15 G Earliest effective date
HB 3685	Anderson, Doc(R) Lucio, Eddie(D)	Relating to the employment status of certain individuals engaged in rehabilitative work-training programs.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Will require employers of people with disabilities to create WIOA transition plan with timeframes to move from training into competitive employment - including eligibility for unemployment benefits. Excludes employment in state-run programs operated by state hospitals, state supported living centers, and community centers.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	01-01-16 G Earliest effective date
SB 37	Zaffirini, Judith(D) Naishtat, Elliott(D)	Relating to a study of the participation of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in public higher education.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Will require TEA to maintain data on participation of people with IDD in public higher education, with emphasis on collection of data on recruitment efforts. Will require TEA and Comptroller to have MOU outlining how offices will work together.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
SB 212	Birdwell, Brian(R) Burkett, Cindy(R)	Relating to the abolishment of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and the transfer of its functions to the comptroller of public accounts.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Will abolish TCPPD and move functions to the Texas Workforce Commission (originally would have moved it to Comptroller). Will expand the advisory council to include people with disabilities who are employed by contractors under the State Use Program.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

SB 1664	Perry, Charles (F)(R) Burkett, Cindy(R)	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Establishes Texas ABLE Act accounts for persons who acquired their disability before age 26. The program can only be terminated by the legislature.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	06-19-15 G Earliest effective date

## EMPLOYMENT & HIGHER EDUCATION BILLS NOT PASSED

HB 3226	Coleman, Garnet(D)	Relating to addressing abusive conduct in the workplace.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Would have established workplace bullying policies.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-24-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

SB 36	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to maintain an inventory of postsecondary educational programs and services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Would require Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to keep, distribute, and update biennially an inventory of postsecondary educational programs and services provided by public colleges and universities to people with IDD. List would be shared on board's website and with TEA.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

SB 38	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to creation of an employment-first task force advisory committee.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Would create advisory committee of 11 or fewer members to make recommendations to the Employment First Task Force on increasing post-secondary education and access for individuals with IDD. Advocates have recommended that the Higher Education Coordinating Board would be the more appropriate location for this committee.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1052	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the consideration of ownership interests of certain persons with disabilities in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.
	<b>Remarks:</b>	Would provide HUB status for businesses owned by people with disabilities. EFTF recommendation.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 1559

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to an interagency plan to promote competitive and integrated employment for persons with disabilities.

**Remarks:** Would require comptroller, TEA, TWC, HHSC and TCPD to create transition plan by 1/16 to move people with disabilities out of subminimum wage settings and into competitive integrated employment.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

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